Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether any amount is sanctioned in the budget for 1108 for this road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know the reasons? It is half finished. May I know why no provision is made for its extension?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—For want of funds.

Budget allotment for medicines for this year.

12. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what amounts have been already paid so far for the purchase of medicines, instruments, etc.;

(b) the budgetted amount for the same for the current year;

(c) the cost of medicines yet to be paid for and for which indents have been placed with the firms abroad as per medicines and invoices already received;

(d) whether the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer applied for any transfer of allotment to the head 'purchase of medicines, instruments, etc.' over the allotment budgetted for the current year under that head?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Rs. 1,01,866—3—4 up to the 16th June 1932.

(b) 1,00,000—0—0.

(c) £ 1,753—6—8. This amount is the cost of a shipment of medicines stocked in Reserve Store for use in 1108.

(d) No; but a sum of Rs. 2,000 was transferred from "Dietary charges" to "Cost of Medicines, etc.', as per Article 148, C. A. C., Volume I.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—(c). May I know when orders were placed for these medicines? 'This amount is the cost of a shipment of medicines' etc.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—On the 13th January 1932.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Did not the Government know that the budgetted amount was not sufficient for paying for these medicines?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Just at that time we thought that we will not be in a position to meet the expenditure.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Were any tenders called for with reference to these medicines?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Was this the lowest tender that was accepted with regard to the shipment?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

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